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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

HON.	<u>MYRON H. THOMPSON,</u>	JUDGE	AT	<u>MONTGOMERY,</u>	ALABAMA
DATE COMMENCED	<u>OCTOBER 30, 2006</u>		AT	<u>10:06</u>	A.M./P.M.
DATE COMPLETED	<u>OCTOBER 31, 2006</u>		AT	<u>1:20</u>	A.M./P.M.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)		
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v)	CR NO 2:06cr218-MHT	
GEORGE HOEY MORRIS)		

<u>PLAINTIFF (S) /GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>APPEARANCES</u>	<u>DEFENDANT (S)</u>
AUSA Susan Redmond	X X X X X	Atty J. Carlton Taylor

<u>COURT OFFICIALS PRESENT:</u>		
Daniel Korobkin, Law Clerk	Anthony Green, Courtroom Deputy	Mitchell Reisner, Court Reporter

JURORS

1. <u>Ina Renee Duncan</u>	7. <u>John Franklin Snellings</u>
2. <u>Teri Li Morris</u>	8. <u>Josiah Huffman</u>
3. <u>Ernie Lamar Cope</u>	9. <u>Raymond Garrett Taylor</u>
4. <u>Hugh Jennings, Jr.</u>	10. <u>Brenda F. Thompson</u>
5. <u>Mary Kay Lustig</u>	11. <u>Jermone T. Fort</u>
6. <u>Stanley Edgar Hornsby</u>	12. <u>Lloyd Merritt</u>

ALTERNATES

13. <u>Margaret Brannon Roy</u>	14. <u>Kerrie Scott Carr</u>
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JURY SELECTION/TRIAL

10:06 a.m.	On-the-record conference with attorneys regarding motion for change of venue. ORAL ORDER conditionally denying motion without prejudice. Jury selection to proceed.
10:20 a.m.	Court convened. Multiple voir dire begun (Cr Nos. 2:06cr218-MHT USA v Morris ; 1:06cr101-MHT, USA v Okonkwo; 2:06cr173-MHT, USA v Lawson) Jury Selection held.
12:40 p.m.	Jury seated and excused until 1:40 p.m.
12:53 p.m.	Recess.

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1:40 p.m. Court reconvenes regarding motions in limine and responses to motions in limine. Parties' oral argument heard. Matter taken under advisement.

2:33 p.m. Recess.

2:55 p.m. Court reconvenes. Court's ruling of evidence allowed to be used at trial as stated on the record and granting in part and denying in part [19] and [18] motions in limine.
Stipulation of parties' of name change to Johnny Ray Fortune and that Exhibit A contains passports found at People's Bank and Trust as stated on the record.

3:15 p.m. Jury seated. Witnesses (present) sworn; Witness Rule invoked. Jury sworn. Court's preliminary instructions to jury.

3:25 p.m. Government's opening statements (4 mins)

3:29 p.m. Defendant's opening statements (2 mins)

3:31 p.m. Recess

3:42 p.m. Court reconvenes; off the record bench conference w/attorneys.

3:45 p.m. Government's evidence commenced.

4:32 p.m. Recess until 9:00 a.m. 10/31/06.

10-31-06:

9:05 a.m. Court reconvened. Government's evidence continues.

9:35 a.m. Recess

9:45 a.m. Government evidence continues.

9:55 a.m. Jury excused; Parties' clarification of question to witness regarding customs issues.

9:58 a.m. Jury Seated; Government's evidence continues.

11:00 a.m. Government rests subject to verifying admitted exhibits.
Jury excused. Defendant's **Oral Motion** for Judgment of Acquittal; **Oral Order** denying motion.

11:03 a.m. Recess.

11:25 a.m. Court reconvenes. No evidence from Defendant; Defendant rests; Defendant waives right to testify. Court finds defendant competent to waive right to testify; Court accepts waiver.

11:28 a.m. Charge conference.

11:35 a.m. Trial continued; no objections to charge.

11:36 a.m. Jury seated.

11:38 a.m. Government's closing arguments (10 mins).
Defendant's closing arguments (5 mins).
Government's rebuttal (10 mins).

12:03 p.m. Jury charged.
Jury excused. No objections to charge.
Jury seated; alternates excused.

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12:25 p.m. Jury deliberations commenced.
1:15 p.m. JURY VERDICT of guilty as to Count 1.
 Jury polled and discharged.
 Defendant adjudicated guilty; sentencing set for 1/18/07;
 Defendant remanded.
1:20 p.m. Court adjourned.

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GOVERNMENT

DEFENDANT

WITNESS LIST

10/30/06

1. THOMAS F. CORAM, JR. _____

2. RALPH CONNER _____

3. DAVE MONROE _____

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3. DAVE MONROE [CONTD] _____

4. HANK BROWN _____

GOVERNMENT'S EXHIBITS JURY TRIAL COMMENCING 10/30/2006					UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v GEORGE HOEY MORRIS a/k/a JOHNNY RAY FORTUNE 2:06cr218-MHT	
ADMITTED	DATE OFFERED	DATE IDENTIFIED	NO	WITNESS	OBJ	JUDGE MYRON H. THOMPSON MITCHELL REISNER, COURT REPORTER
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	1	Coram, Brown		JRF passport 3/15/01 (203825163)
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	1a	Monroe		(203825163) Certified application w/letter dated 2/24/01
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	2	Conner, Monroe, Brown		JRF passport 8/19/97 (086199598)
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	2a	Monroe		(086199598) Certified application w "burned" dated 8/4/97
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	3	Conner, Monroe, Brown		GHM passport 7/29/96 (085194336)
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	3a	Monroe		(085194336) Certified application
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	4	Conner, Monroe, Brown		GHM passport 1/18/96 (153681490)
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	4a	Monroe		(153681490) Certified application
			5			Certified conviction
			6			Certified conviction
			7			Certified conviction
			8			Certified conviction
			9			"VirginBride.Net"
			10			"Flashback"
			11			Cert. of Name Change
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	12	Coram		Bank Records - People's Bank and Trust (GHM)

			13			Search Warrant - People's Bank and Trust (SDBox)(GHM)
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	14	Coram		SDBox keys (2)
			A			Passports from People's Bank and Trust
						*Exhibits located in expansion file with case file
						No Exhibits from the Defendant